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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

CARRIE R. MCBRIDE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC,  
EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES,  
LLC,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:15-cv-01895-JAD-GWF  
(Consolidated with 2:15-cv-02004-GMN-NJK)

~~[PROPOSED]~~ PROTECTIVE ORDER

The parties have agreed to the terms of this Protective Order; accordingly, it is

ORDERED:

**1. Scope.** All documents produced in the course of discovery, including initial disclosures, all responses to discovery requests, all responses to third-party subpoenas, all deposition testimony and exhibits, other materials which may be subject to restrictions on disclosure for good cause and information derived directly therefrom (hereinafter collectively “document(s)”), shall be subject to this Order concerning confidential information as set forth below. This Order is subject to the Local Rules of this District and of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on matters of procedure and calculation of time periods.

1           **2.     Form and Timing of Designation.** A party may designate documents as  
2 confidential and restricted in disclosure under this Order by placing or affixing the words  
3 “CONFIDENTIAL” on the document in a manner that will not interfere with the legibility of the  
4 document and that will permit complete removal of the CONFIDENTIAL designation.  
5 Documents shall be designated CONFIDENTIAL prior to or at the time of the production or  
6 disclosure of the documents. The designation “CONFIDENTIAL” does not mean that the  
7 document has any status or protection by statute or otherwise except to the extent and for the  
8 purposes of this Order.  
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10           **3.     Documents Which May be Designated CONFIDENTIAL.** Any party  
11 may designate documents as CONFIDENTIAL but only after review of the documents by an  
12 attorney or a party appearing pro se who has in good faith determined that the documents contain  
13 information protected from disclosure by statute or that should be protected from disclosure as  
14 confidential personal information, trade secrets, personnel records, or commercial information.  
15 The designation shall be made subject to the standards of Rule 11 and the sanctions of Rule 37 of  
16 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Information or documents that are available in the public  
17 sector may not be designated as CONFIDENTIAL.  
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19           **4.     Depositions.** Deposition testimony shall be deemed CONFIDENTIAL only if  
20 designated as such. Such designation shall be specific as to the portions to be designated  
21 CONFIDENTIAL. Depositions, in whole or in part, shall be designated on the record as  
22 CONFIDENTIAL at the time of the deposition. Deposition testimony so designated shall remain  
23 CONFIDENTIAL until fifteen (15) days after delivery of the transcript by the court reporter.  
24 Within fifteen (15) days after delivery of the transcript, a designating party may serve a Notice of  
25 Designation to all parties of record as to specific portions of the transcript to be designated  
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CONFIDENTIAL. Thereafter, those portions so designated shall be protected as CONFIDENTIAL pending objection under the terms of this Order. The failure to serve a Notice of Designation shall waive the CONFIDENTIAL designation made on the record of the deposition.

**5. Protection of Confidential Material.**

a. General Protections. Documents designated CONFIDENTIAL under this Order shall not be used or disclosed by the parties, counsel for the parties or any other persons identified in ¶ 5.b. for any purpose whatsoever other than to prepare for and to conduct discovery, hearings and trial in this action, including any appeal thereof.

b. Limited Third-Party Disclosures. The parties and counsel for the parties shall not disclose or permit the disclosure of any CONFIDENTIAL documents to any third person or entity except as set forth in subparagraphs 1-6. Subject to these requirements, the following categories of persons may be allowed to review documents that have been designated CONFIDENTIAL:

1. Counsel. Counsel for the parties and employees of counsel who have responsibility for the preparation and trial of the action;

2. Parties. Parties and employees of a party to this Order, but only to the extent counsel determines that the specifically named individual party or employee's assistance is reasonably necessary to the conduct of the litigation in which the information is disclosed.

3. Court Reporters and Recorders. Court reporters and recorders engaged for depositions;

1                   4.     Contractors. Those persons specifically engaged for the limited  
2 purpose of making copies of documents or organizing or processing documents but only after  
3 each such person has completed the certification contained in Exhibit A, Acknowledgment of  
4 Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound.

5                   5.     Consultants and Experts. Consultants, investigators, or experts  
6 (hereinafter referred to collectively as “experts”) employed by the parties or counsel for the  
7 parties to assist in the preparation and trial of this action but only after such persons have  
8 completed the certification contained in Exhibit A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and  
9 Agreement to Be Bound; and

10                  6.     Others by Consent. Other persons only by written consent of the  
11 producing party or upon order of the Court and on such conditions as may be agreed or ordered.  
12 All such persons shall execute the certification contained in Exhibit A, Acknowledgment of  
13 Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound.

14                  c.     Control of Documents. Counsel for the parties shall make reasonable  
15 efforts to prevent unauthorized disclosure of documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL  
16 pursuant to the terms of this Order. Counsel shall maintain the originals of the forms signed by  
17 persons acknowledging their obligations under this Order for a period of six (6) years from the date  
18 of signing.

19                  d.     Copies. Prior to production to another party, all copies, electronic  
20 images, duplicates, extracts, summaries or descriptions (hereinafter referred to collectively as  
21 “copies”) of documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL under this Order, or any individual  
22 portion of such a document, shall be affixed with the designation “CONFIDENTIAL” if the  
23 word does not already appear on the copy. All such copies shall thereafter be entitled to the  
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1 protection of this Order. The term “copies” shall not include indices, electronic databases or lists  
2 of documents provided these indices, electronic databases or lists do not contain substantial  
3 portions or images of the text of confidential documents or otherwise disclose the substance of  
4 the confidential information contained in those documents.

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6 **6. Filing CONFIDENTIAL Documents With the Court.**

7 a. Filing Party’s Confidential Documents. In the event that a party seeks to  
8 file, or reference in any filing, a document that the filing party designated as CONFIDENTIAL  
9 under this Protective order and the filing party seeks to maintain the confidentiality of such  
10 document, the filing party must comply with Local Rule 10-5 for filing the confidential  
11 document under seal.

12 b. Non-Filing Party’s Confidential Documents. In the event that the filing  
13 party seeks to file, or reference in any filing, a document that the non-filing party designated as  
14 CONFIDENTIAL under this Protective order, the filing party shall first consult with the non-  
15 filing party to determine whether the non-filing party consents to filing the document in whole or  
16 in part on the public docket. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, the filing party shall  
17 prepare two versions of the filings, a public and a confidential version. The public version shall  
18 contain a redaction of references to CONFIDENTIAL documents and shall be filed with the  
19 court. The confidential version shall be a full and complete version of the filing, including any  
20 exhibits, and shall be filed with the court provisionally under seal pursuant to Local Rule 10-5  
21 indicating that the non-filing party seeks to maintain the confidentiality of the redacted material.  
22 The party seeking to maintain the confidential status shall file a motion to seal in accordance  
23 with Local Rule 10-5 within three (3) business days of the filing. Failure to file a timely motion  
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1 to seal could result in the pleading/exhibit being unsealed by the court without further notice or  
 2 hearing.

3       **7. No Greater Protection of Specific Documents.** No party may withhold  
 4 information from discovery on the ground that it requires protection greater than that afforded by  
 5 this Order unless the party moves for an order providing such special protection.  
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7       **8. Challenges by a Party to Designation as Confidential.** Any CONFIDENTIAL  
 8 designation is subject to challenge by any party or non- party (hereafter “party”). The following  
 9 procedure shall apply to any such challenge.

10           a. Objection to Confidentiality. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of  
 11 any document designated CONFIDENTIAL or of the refusal to produce a document on the  
 12 ground of such designation, a party may serve upon the designating party an objection to the  
 13 designation. The objection shall specify the documents to which the objection is directed and  
 14 shall set forth the reasons for the objection as to each document or category of documents.  
 15 CONFIDENTIAL documents to which an objection has been made shall remain  
 16 CONFIDENTIAL until designated otherwise by waiver, agreement or order of the Court.  
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18           b. Obligation to Meet and Confer. The objecting party and the party who  
 19 designated the documents to which objection has been made shall have fifteen (15) days from  
 20 service of the objection to meet and confer in a good faith effort to resolve the objection by  
 21 agreement. If agreement is reached confirming or waiving the CONFIDENTIAL designation as  
 22 to any documents subject to the objection, the designating party shall serve on all parties a notice  
 23 specifying the documents and the nature of the agreement.  
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25           c. Obligation to File Motion. If the parties cannot reach agreement as  
 26 to any documents designated CONFIDENTIAL, for the purpose of discovery, the designating  
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1 party shall file with the court within thirty (30) days of the service of the objection a motion to  
2 retain the CONFIDENTIAL designation. The moving party has the burden to show good cause  
3 for the CONFIDENTIAL designation. The failure to file the motion waives the  
4 CONFIDENTIAL designation of documents to which an objection was made.

5 **9. Court Not Bound By Parties' Designation.** Nothing in this Order or any action  
6 or agreement of a party under this Order limits the court's power to make orders concerning the  
7 disclosure of documents produced in discovery, filed with the court, or used during any hearing  
8 or at trial.

9 **10. Use of Confidential Documents or Information at Hearing or Trial.** A party  
10 who intends to present or anticipates that another party may present at any hearing or at trial  
11 CONFIDENTIAL documents or information derived therefrom shall identify the issue, not the  
12 information, in a pre-hearing or pretrial memorandum. The court may thereafter make such  
13 orders as are necessary to govern the use of such documents or information at a hearing or trial.

14 **11. Obligations on Conclusion of Litigation.**

15 a. **Order Remains in Effect.** Unless otherwise agreed or ordered, the terms of  
16 this Order shall remain in force as an agreement between the parties after dismissal or entry of  
17 final judgment not subject to further appeal. Actions to enforce the terms of the Order after  
18 dismissal or entry of final judgment shall be by separate legal action and not by motion for  
19 contempt or other relief filed in this action.

20 b. **Return of CONFIDENTIAL Documents.** Within thirty (30) days after  
21 dismissal or entry of final judgment not subject to further appeal, the receiving party shall return  
22 to the producing party all documents treated as CONFIDENTIAL under this Order, including  
23 copies as defined in ¶ 5.d., unless: (1) the document has been offered into evidence or filed  
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1 without restriction as to disclosure; (2) the parties agree to destruction in lieu of return; or (3) as  
2 to documents bearing the notations, summations, or other mental impressions of the receiving  
3 party, that party elects to destroy the documents and certifies to the producing party that it has  
4 done so.

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6 Notwithstanding the above requirements to return or destroy documents, counsel  
7 may retain attorney work product, including an index which refers or relates to information  
8 designated CONFIDENTIAL, so long as that work product does not duplicate verbatim  
9 substantial portions of the text or images of confidential documents. This work product shall  
10 continue to be CONFIDENTIAL under this Order. An attorney may use his or her work product  
11 in a subsequent litigation provided that its use does not disclose or use CONFIDENTIAL  
12 documents.

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14 c. Deletion of Documents Filed under Seal from ECF System. Filings with  
15 the court under seal shall remain in the ECF system and not be deleted except by order of the  
16 court.

17 **12. Order Subject to Modification.** This Order shall be subject to modification by  
18 the court on its own motion or on motion of a party or any other person with standing concerning  
19 the subject matter. Motions to modify this Order shall be served and filed in accordance with the  
20 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules.

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22 **13. No Prior Judicial Determination.** This Order is entered based on the  
23 representations and agreements of the parties and for the purpose of facilitating discovery.  
24 Nothing herein shall be construed or presented as a judicial determination that any documents or  
25 information designated CONFIDENTIAL by counsel or the parties is subject to protection under  
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Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or otherwise until such time as the court may rule on a specific document or issue.

**14. Third Parties.** A subpoenaed third party who so elects may avail itself of, and agree to be bound by, the terms and conditions of this Order and thereby become a producing party for purposes of this Order. The parties, in conducting discovery from third parties, shall attach to such discovery requests a copy of this Order so as to apprise such third parties of their rights herein. A third party who elects to become a producing party for purposes of this Order shall provide written notice thereof to the party requesting discovery (the "requesting party"). Upon receiving such notice, the requesting party shall notify all other parties to the proceeding that the discovery received from the third party is subject to the terms and conditions of this Order.

**15. Persons Bound.** This Order shall take effect when entered and shall be binding upon all counsel and their law firms, the parties, and persons made subject to this Order by its terms.


DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

**WE ASK FOR THIS:**

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**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

  
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**GEORGE FOLEY, JR.**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**  
**Dated: January 27, 2016**

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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
5 FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA  
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7 CARRIE R. MCBRIDE,

8 Plaintiff,

9 vs.

10 GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC,  
11 EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES,  
12 LLC,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:15-cv-01648-APG-CWH

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF  
UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT  
TO BE BOUND**

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14 The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she has read the Confidentiality Order  
15 dated \_\_\_\_\_ in the above-captioned case and attached hereto, understands  
16 the terms thereof, and agrees to be bound by its terms. The undersigned submits to the  
17 jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada in matters relating to  
18 the Confidentiality Order and understands that the terms of the Confidentiality Order obligate  
19 him/her to use documents designated CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the Order solely for  
20 the purposes of the above-captioned case, and not to disclose any such documents or information  
21 derived directly therefrom to any other person, firm or concern. The undersigned acknowledges  
22 that violation of the Confidentiality Order may result in penalties for contempt of court or for  
23 other relief under the protective order agreement.  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on January 26, 2016, and pursuant to F.R.C.P. 5(b) a true and correct copy of the foregoing [**PROPOSED**] **PROTECTIVE ORDER** was filed via the Court's CM/ECF System and electronically served by the Court on all parties in interest.

/s/ Eryn File

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